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The Application of

Patent Art Unit: 2857

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Serial No. 10/018,346

Amendment After

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Final Rejection

For: PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SYSTEM FOR CHECKING OPERATING CONDITIONS OF PRODUCT PROCESSING APPARATUSES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the March 15, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page three (3) of this paper. Claims 1-4, 6-15 are pending, with claims 1, 6, and 11 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page seven (7) of this paper.

Appl. No. 10/018,346 Amendment dated June 10, 2004 Reply to Office Action of March 15, 2004

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Figure 9. This sheet of Figure 9 replaces the original sheet of Figure 9.

Attachment: one (1) replacement sheet

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